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Building Green

As Central Florida continues to grow and prosper, many environmental, economical and community issues surface. Last month, the Lake County Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution supporting Green Building principles and practices. This new and unique "Green Development" concept seeks to identify a common ground where developers, environmentalists, public officials, and citizens can find ways to accommodate real estate development while maximizing economic and environmental performance.

On March 28th, the Board of County Commissioners' Department of Growth Management is sponsoring a workshop entitled "It's Not Easy Being Green." The workshop will be held in the Magnolia Room at Lake-Sumter Community College, located at 9501 U.S. Highway 441 in Leesburg from 8:30 am to noon. The workshop will focus on various topics that include: Practical Realities of Green Development - Steve Adams - LPG Environmental Services, Inc.

Green Development Trends in Florida - Pierce Jones - Ph.D., and Professor in the Agricultural & Biological Engineering Department at the University of Florida

Farmland Protection - Kevin E. Schmidt - Field Services Manager at American Farmland Trust

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Green Infrastructure - Bruce Stephenson - Professor of Environmental Studies,
Director of Growth Management Studies at Rollins College

Guaranteed Energy Performance Contracting - Jay Wheeler - Johnson Controls, Inc. "By working together," says Commissioner Catherine Hanson, "we can ensure that Lake County reaches the goal of growing in a way that enhances the quality of life and conserves our natural resources."

For more information, or if you would like to attend this workshop, please contact Terrie Diesbourg at (352) 343-9642.

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